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- (2) a copy of the Chinese patent publication cited in said Chinese Office Action;
 - (3) an IDS Form; and
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The submission of the English-language translation of the Chinese Office Action, along with an English-language abstract of the Chinese patent publication, satisfies the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language publications cited therein (MPEP 609.04(a)III).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of <u>December 14, 2007</u>. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e).

It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the enclosed IDS Form be returned to the undersigned to indicate that the publication listed therein has been considered and made of record.

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